[redacted] (BUDG)

From: [redacted] (BUDG) on behalf of [redacted] (BUDG)
Sent: 12 November 2014 09:10
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: FW: Information other member states

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@minbuza.nl]
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 8:26 AM
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: RE: Information other member states

Doc. 7

Thank you [redacted],

This is very helpfull.

I have sent this document to the Hague and told them to ask these documents at the national statistics office. I hope they can provide these documents to them.

Best regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@ec.europa.eu
Sent: maandag 27 oktober 2014 14:34:11
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]@ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: Information other member states

Doc. 13

Dear [redacted],

I attach an extract concerning the Netherlands from the "2014 GNP/GNI Questionnaire - Part A - EU-28" which was transmitted by EUROSTAT to Member States GNI coordinators at the GTNI meeting held last week on 22/23 October.
The same information is available in this document for all other Member States.

'Statistics Netherlands' should be able to share this document with you and also to provide you with the statistical analysis you require. I can imagine the picture differs by Member State.

Best regards,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@minbuza.nl]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 1:20 PM
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Cc: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: Information other member states

Doc. 6

Dear [redacted]

Thanks for all the information you provided last week and for calling me this morning.

We are content with all the information provided for the Netherlands, however (as also asked by many MS in the budget committee) we were wondering whether you can give us some insight in the changes for other member states. Today, in the declaration to the press Commissioner Dominik stated that this year it is exceptional mainly because of lifting major reservations. However, I spoke to [redacted] and he stated that for them [redacted] depends on the changes of methodology in the years 2010-2013. For the Netherlands, it is also mainly due to new benchmarks/sources.

I fully understand that you might not be in the position to share specific country information. We are in close contact with our national bureau of statistics to get these details. However, do you have any insight whether the changes for the MS most heavily affected by this DAB are mainly due to change in methodology (and if so what are the main changes) or due to lifting reservations?

Many thanks in advance.

Best regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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2014 GNP/GNI Questionnaire - Part A – EU-28

Point IV.1 on the agenda

The Netherlands

Compared to the GNI Questionnaire 2013, the GNI estimate for 2002 – 2009 was revised due to incorporated results from addressed transversal GNI reservations. Total revision from reservations for 2002 -2009 can be found in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Revisions to Dutch GNI (ESA95 based) resulting from GNI reservations for 2002 -2009
(As percentage of ESA95 GNI (excl. the allocation of FISIM) from the 2013 Questionnaire)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total revision from reservations	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8

The main source of revision in this period was transversal reservation VI (illegal activities), except in the year 2009 when transversal reservation on illegal activities and transversal reservation I (cross border property income flows) had approximately equal positive impact on the GNI revision.
Table 2, given below, provides a division of the total revision to GNI (ESA95 Based) into those caused by GNI reservations and changes to methods and sources (excl. ESA2010 implementation) together with other routine (current) revisions for the years 2010-2012.

Table 2
Revisions to Dutch GNI (ESA95 Based) for 2010-2012
(As percentage of GNI (ESA95 based) from the 2013 Questionnaire)

	2010	2011	2012
Total revision to GNI	8.1	5.2	5.3
'of which':			
Total revision caused by GNI reservations	0.7	0.6	0.5
Total revision caused by benchmark (excl. ESA2010 implementation) and routine revisions	7.4	4.7	4.8

Statistics Netherlands has made (alongside with the ESA 2010 implementation) a 2010 benchmark revision of the national accounts data series. Due to benchmark revision it was not possible to quantify separately the effect of the routine (current) revision. Major source of strong upward revision of NA aggregates originates from new data sources. Statistics Netherlands has in the recent years introduced several administrative data sources (e.g. free access to tax registers, register of Chamber of Commerce concerning small enterprises). For example, business surveys are now grossed up by using turnover data derived from tax registers which has resulted to better coverage and higher estimate of value added. With this benchmark revision statistics on NACE 70.1 (activities of head offices) and new sources for the estimation of local government and education became available. The quality of data provided by the Central Bank (data on financial institutions and Balance of Payments data) has also increased significantly, resulting to the strong upward shift of GNI estimate. In addition to new data sources, new compilation models have been introduced for the estimation of value added of those activities for which data is not largely available (e.g. imputed rents of owner occupied dwellings, activity of sport, culture and recreation).

Impact of total revision caused by GNI reservations was limited mainly to inclusion of estimates on illegal activity.

Table 3, given below, provides the total impact of the implementation of ESA2010 methodology on the GNI estimates.

Table 3

Total impact of ESA2010 Implementation on Dutch GNI (ESA95 based) for 2010-2012

(As percentage of ESA95 GNI (incl. the allocation of FISIM) from the 2013 Questionnaire)

	2010	2011	2012
Total impact of ESA2010 implementation	2.1	1.9	2.0

[redacted] (BUDG)

From: CALVINO Nadia (BUDG)
Sent: 24 November 2014 15:10
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: FW: PRINTED - DAB6

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Due By: 24 November 2014 00:00
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This and the previous one I sent are the only two emails I have exchanged with the NL.
Nadia

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@minbuza.nl]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:11 PM
To: CALVINO Nadia (BUDG)
Cc: BUDG DIRECTEUR GENERAL; [redacted] (BUDG); LEHNER Stefan (BUDG)
Subject: RE: PRINTED - DAB6

Doc. 5

Dear Nadia, dear Stefan,

First of all I would like to thank for the clarifications [redacted] and I already got this morning. Given the political elements around it in the Dutch context, I would however insist on the usefulness of a meeting at the end of today. If possible with Nadia, ~~otherwise with Stefan~~, and I will try to be accompanied by either Mr Hans Vijlbrief treasurer-general, or [redacted], director for foreign financial relations.

What time would suit you best (or cause least disruption)? Obviously we will come to DG-BUDG.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: Nadia.CALVINO@ec.europa.eu [mailto:Nadia.CALVINO@ec.europa.eu]
Sent: donderdag 23 oktober 2014 11:21
To: [redacted]
Cc: BUDG-DIRECTEUR-GENERAL@ec.europa.eu; [redacted]; [redacted]@ec.europa.eu; Stefan.Lehner@ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: PRINTED - DAB6

Doc. 12

Dear [redacted],
Of course.
I have asked Stefan Lehner, the competent Director, to contact you in order to discuss asap.
Best,
Nadia

From: [redacted] [mailto[redacted]@minbuza.nl]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 10:35 AM
To: CALVINO Nadia (BUDG)
Cc: BUDG DIRECTEUR GENERAL; [redacted]
Subject: PRINTED - DAB6
Importance: High

Doc. 4

Dear Nadia,

DAB6, and the negative effects of it for the Dutch budget (643m), came as an absolute surprise in the Hague and now risks to become a serious political difficulty in the Dutch parliament. I would therefore like to ask you whether you could find any time this afternoon to shortly discuss this issue. This afternoon I could be accompanied by either the treasurer-general or the director for foreign financial relations of the Dutch MoF (who are in Brussels for the European Council).

As I write this email my budget attaché [redacted] is talking to one of your heads of unit to get a better grasp of the technical issues behind the change. I hope this will bring us to a mutual full understanding. But assuming all technical aspects to be correct behind the Commission DAB6 proposal, there is also a really urgent need to also look at the question how the Netherlands could comply in such a way to cause the least possible political damage.

We think such a coordination needs your personal attention and should take place before a vote is taken in the budget committee of the Council, which I understand may already happen tomorrow.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

PS I am travelling to Brussels from The Hague this morning, but can if need be be reached on my mobile: [redacted]

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[redacted] (BUDG)

From: [redacted] (BUDG)
Sent: 22 October 2014 14:55
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (BUDG); [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: RE: bni-cijfmers
Attachments: provisional Netherlands - October 2014.xls

Doc. 11

Dear [redacted],

Please find attached some detailed information on the provisional VAT and GNI balances to be made available.

I have to draw your attention on the fact that the data used for the above calculations are not yet final as verifications are still on going for the VAT bases and as the GNI Committee of end October 2014 still has to approve the data included in the GNI questionnaire.

Once we have received the final data on VAT and GNI, the Commission will communicate you officially the result for the VAT/GNI balances.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] (BFB/EU) [mailto:[redacted]@minfin.nl]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 2:00 PM
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: bni-cijfers

Doc. 1

Geachte Mevrouw [redacted],

Zojuist hebben wij elkaar telefonisch gesproken over de 'Information note for Member States on VAT ans GNI balances' die bij de zesde aanvullende begroting is gepresenteerd. Hierin is een bruto effect ter grootte van 1,1 miljard euro voor de Nederlandse afdrachten opgenomen.

Mag ik u vragen een overzicht op te sturen met de uitsplitsing van dit effect over de jaren?

Bij voorbaat dank voor uw medewerking en met vriendelijke groeten,

[redacted]

Ministry of Finance | The Netherlands
Foreign Financial Relations Directorate
T [redacted] | M [redacted]

Netherlands

PROVISIONAL DATA

	GNI base October 2014	GNI base at 22/09/2013	difference	call rate (%)	amounts already made available	amount to be made available
	(1)	(2)	(3) = (1)-(2)	(4)	(5)	(6) = ((3)x(4)) -(5)
2002	465.233.000.000	463.315.000.000	1.918.000.000	0,504042980237248		9.667.544
2003	478.970.000.000	476.762.000.000	2.208.000.000	0,543610290219883		12.002.915
2004	500.291.000.000	498.122.000.000	2.169.000.000	0,694579286882159		15.065.425
2005	511.652.000.000	509.491.000.000	2.161.000.000	0,648880455353407		14.022.307
2006	549.371.000.000	547.239.000.000	2.132.000.000	0,616488585324551		13.143.537
2007	574.573.000.000	572.456.000.000	2.117.000.000	0,627343326281075		13.280.858
2008	575.413.000.000	572.362.000.000	3.051.000.000	0,609728123139732		18.602.805
2009	556.838.000.000	552.386.000.000	4.452.000.000	0,707246784748639		31.486.627
2010	623.672.000.000	577.087.000.000	46.585.000.000	0,748772772440022		348.815.796
2011	631.828.000.000	600.375.000.000	31.453.000.000	0,689730308774534		216.940.874
2012	636.247.000.000	604.347.000.000	31.900.000.000	0,755415230268144		240.977.458
2013	631.548.000.000	610.922.000.000	20.626.000.000	0,843209914048963		173.920.477
total						**1.107.926.623**

(1) *the amount of the GNI base at December 2013 is the GNI forecast of AB 9/2013. In 2013 the monthly twelfths amounted to 5.151.354.871 EUR.*

Netherlands

PROVISIONAL DATA

	VAT base October 2014	VAT base at December 2013	difference	call rate (%)	amounts already made available (individual cases)	amount to be made available
	(1)	(2)	(3) = (1) - (2)	(4)	(5)	(6) = ((3)x(4)) - (5)
2002	216.222.390.864	216.222.390.864	-	0,525116320894917		-
2003	222.365.743.296	222.365.743.296	-	0,508270337129995		-
2004	229.349.924.708	229.349.924.708	-	0,298411646927127		-
2005	246.870.842.889	246.870.842.889	-	0,317914804449093		-
2006	258.604.387.669	258.604.387.669	-	0,336872727498559		-
2007	273.169.013.753	273.226.205.614	- 57.191.861	0,100000000000000		- 57.192
2008	279.638.734.740	279.695.209.659	- 56.474.919	0,100000000000000		- 56.475
2009	224.871.290.742	224.924.166.354	- 52.875.612	0,100000000000000		- 52.876
2010	271.196.625.898	271.215.839.069	- 19.213.171	0,100000000000000	24.428	- 43.641
2011	265.964.204.930	265.985.816.772	- 21.611.842	0,100000000000000	25.343	- 46.955
2012	270.414.678.103	270.316.542.006	98.136.097	0,100000000000000	111.615	- 13.479
2013(1)	254.673.272.226	259.068.800.000	- 4.395.527.774	0,100000000000000		- 4.395.528
total						**- 4.666.145**

(1) the amount of the VAT base at December 2013 is the VAT forecast of AB 9/2013. In 2013 the monthly twelfths amounted to 259.068.800 EUR.

Doc. 15

From: "Vijlbrief, JA (Hans) (AL GT)"
<j.a.vijlbrief@minfin.nl>
Date: 28 octobre 2014 22:58:40 UTC+1
To: "nadia.calvino@ec.europa.eu"
<nadia.calvino@ec.europa.eu>
Cc: "[redacted](BFB)" <[redacted]@minfin.nl>

Dear Nadia,

Thank you for all the information you and your team provided us with on the GNI and VAT balances of the Netherlands. However, as we stated during technical meetings, in the budget committee and in Coreper this afternoon (as well as many other Member States did), there is a need for similar data of all the other member states to calculate the effect for the Netherlands:

As a start, we need the VAT and GNI bases from 2002 untill 2013 (as the Commission provided to us for the Netherlands, see enclosed). To be more specific: for a comprehensive view on the background of the VAT/GNI balances 1995-2013 for all Member States we would require data for all the individual Member States just as the figures Mr [redacted] provided us for the Netherlands on October 24. (Last Friday we have been provided with data for GNIs up to 2013 without the ESA2010-effects that are the relevant GNIs for the calculation of these balances).

Likewise, we would like to know for other member states the reasoning for these changes (as you also provided as well for the Netherlands) ; is this due to lifting of GNI reservations or is this due to 'benchmark and routine revisions' ?

Third, it would be very helpful if you could provide this also in ESA 2010 figures, since we want to make clear that for Own

Resources of the EU ESA 95 has been used (as you already confirmed).

During Coreper, you were mentioning that Eurostat will provide data probably tonight, do you have more information on that? Our request for information both with eurostat and the national statistical office were declined due to confidentiality considerations.

Kind regards,
Hans Vijlbrief

[redacted] (BUDG)

From: [redacted] (BUDG) on behalf of [redacted] (BUDG)
Sent: 12 November 2014 09:10
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: FW: Phonenumber Director General NL Hans Vijlbrief

From: [redacted] [mailto: [redacted] @minbuza.nl]
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 6:59 PM
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: RE: Phonenumber Director General NL Hans Vijlbrief

Doc. 9

Thanks a lot. Have a nice evening as well!

[redacted]

From: [redacted] @ec.europa.eu [mailto: [redacted] @ec.europa.eu]
Sent: dinsdag 28 oktober 2014 18:58
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Phonenumber Director General NL Hans Vijlbrief

Doc. 14

Thanks [redacted],

Nadia's secretariat is aware and will be in contact ASAP.

Have a nice evening!
[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto: [redacted] @minbuza.nl]
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 6:32 PM
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Cc: [redacted] (BFB)'; [redacted]
Subject: Phonenumber Director General NL Hans Vijlbrief

Doc. 8

Dear [redacted],

As discussed on the phone, I hereby sent you the phone number of the Director General of the Dutch Ministry of Finance; Mr. Hans Vijlbrief:

[redacted]

He would like to speak with Nadia Calvino.

Many thanks for your help.

Best regards,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] (BUDG) on behalf of [redacted] (BUDG)
Sent: 12 November 2014 09:11
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: FW: DAB 6

From: [redacted] [mailto: [redacted] @minbuza.nl]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:59 PM
To: [redacted] (BUDG)
Subject: RE: DAB 6

Doc. 3

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your quick and positive response. The 23th at 10h is perfect.

I was aware that my colleagues in The Hague contacted your department (those are the ones writing my instructions and contacted directly mainly due to the fact that I left for a short break after the presentation of DAB 6...). I will check with them whether they have additional questions before our meeting.

See you this Thursday.

Best regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] @ec.europa.eu [mailto: [redacted] @ec.europa.eu]
Sent: dinsdag 21 oktober 2014 15:50
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: DAB 6

Doc. 10

Dear [redacted]
I will be happy to meet you on Thursday 23rd at 10h in my office (BREY 2. [redacted])

Just so you know we have had email and telephone contacts from your colleagues in the Min of Finance on the same subject.
In particular:

- [redacted] Ministry of Finance | The Netherlands Foreign Financial Relations Directorate T [redacted] | M [redacted]
&
- [redacted] Ministry of Finance | The Netherlands Foreign Financial Relations Directorate T [redacted]

Best regards,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto: [redacted] @minbuza.nl]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:12 PM

To: [redacted]BUDG)
Subject: DAB 6

Doc. 2

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your explanation of the consequences of DAB 6 during last Budget Committee meeting.

However, the negative effect for the Netherlands came a bit unexpected for me and the people in The Hague. I was wondering whether you have time this week to meet me (preferably before next Fridays budget committee meeting), to get a better insight on the technicalities behind this DAB.

This also gives me the opportunity to introduce myself (I [redacted] successor).

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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